

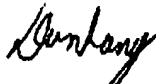
REMARKS

The present supplemental amendment amends claims 17, 19, 24, 26, 31, and 33 and cancels claims 18, 25, and 32. The present amendment addresses concerns raised by the Examiner in a telephone conference of June 23, 2003 and also removes unnecessary language from the independent claims.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant believes all the pending claims are in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at (408) 446-8694.

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